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A Look at Media Bias

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Media Ignores Admin Knew About VA Problems

From *Congressman Lamar Smith's Remarks on the House Floor...*

“America’s brave men and women in uniform come home from military service only to find severe wait times to receive the medical care they have earned. Recent reports claim that Veteran Affairs officials in various states, including my home state of Texas, have falsified medical appointment data to conceal these long wait times. This is dishonest, deceptive, and harmful to veterans.

But ignored for weeks by the liberal national media is that the Obama Administration has long known about these extensive wait times. According to documents received by the Washington Times, the Bush Administration warned the Obama Administration about the prolonged wait times for our veterans in 2008 – six years ago.

But you wouldn’t know this if you watched NBC or ABC. Or read many media publications. **The media owes it to the American people, and to our veterans, to give them all the facts.”**

CNN: We Won’t Be ‘Shamed’ Into Covering Benghazi

From *Accuracy in Media...*

“**Demonstrating his liberal bias**, CNN president Jeff Zucker told The New York Times’ Bill Carter Monday night that **he won’t allow CNN to be “shamed” into covering the House select committee on Benghazi hearings**, according to Capital New York:

‘We’re not going to be shamed into it by others who have political beliefs that want to try to have temper tantrums to shame other news organizations into covering something...’

Shamed? Is Zucker saying that an investigation of the massive cover-up of Benghazi by the Obama administration, where four Americans lost their lives, is not newsworthy?...There is little doubt that Fox News and MSNBC will be covering the hearings in some form, and **for CNN to brush them off before they even begin is irresponsible journalism.”**

House Subpoenas Holder, Networks Ignore

From the *Media Research Center...*

“Frustrated by the Justice Department’s stonewalling of its IRS scandal investigation the House Oversight Committee, on Tuesday, May 20th, sent a subpoena to Attorney General Eric Holder but you wouldn’t know that if you got your news from the Big Three (ABC, CBS, NBC) networks.

The news that committee chairman Darrell Issa sent the subpoena to Holder, after a Justice Department official in charge of election crimes refused to testify about his role in the IRS scandal, went unreported on the Big Three’s Tuesday night and Wednesday morning programs.”